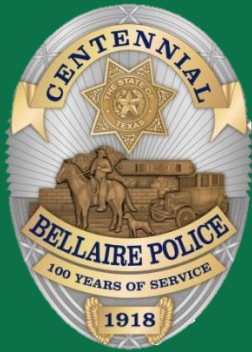


BELLAIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of Bellaire, Texas

YEAR
IN
REVIEW
2018



Vision

As a premier law enforcement organization, the Bellaire Police Department's vision is for the City of Bellaire to be the safest community in the area by blending excellence in policing with community partnerships.

Mission

The dedicated professionals of The Bellaire Police Department, in cooperation with the citizens of Bellaire, shall strive to provide a secure and viable community through:

- The protection of the fundamental rights of all people
- Open communication and alliance with citizens
- The promotion of pride and trust through the continual performance of responsibility, honesty, integrity, and discipline
- Active recruitment, development, and retention of quality personnel
- Proactive innovation to anticipate and meet the challenge of our changing environment

Values

Service - We provide quality service to all. We understand the expectations of us as professionals and accept those high standards in the delivery of services. We are accountable for our actions to ourselves as well as the community we serve. We recognize and accept the responsibility that comes with our authority as peace officers.

Honor - We will honor our community, our government, and our Department by our actions, reflecting strong character as well as practicing the values of our Department. We are honest and forthright in all our dealings. We are loyal to our community, our profession, our Department, and to ourselves. Our loyalty is for the greater good and not self-serving. We respect all persons and their rights.

Courage - We will act with courage in the face of danger. We will have courage in our decision making, ensuring that we act in an ethical manner with integrity and compassion.



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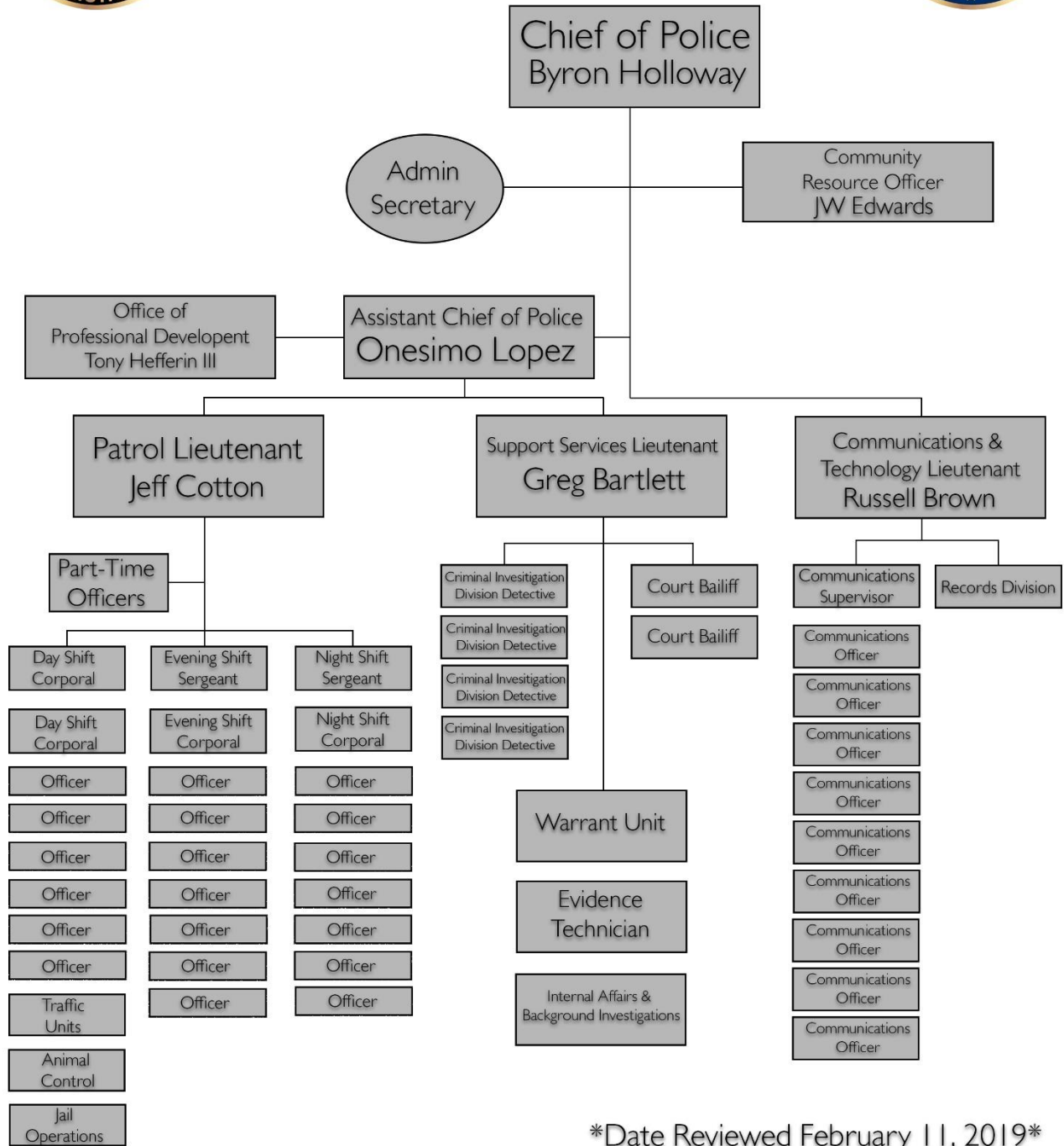
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Organization



Bellaire Police Department Organizational Chart 2019



Date Reviewed February 11, 2019

About the Department

On July 8, 1918 the newly-formed Town Council of Bellaire, Texas formally appointed J.B. Huddleston as Town Marshal marking the foundation of law enforcement in the city. As Bellaire grew, so did law enforcement. In 1947 the Office of the City Marshal in Bellaire was formally abolished and on August 4, 1947 J.H. Carrigan was appointed Bellaire's first Chief of Police. By 1952, the Bellaire Police Department employed a total of six officers.

Today, the Bellaire Police Department employs forty-two full- and part-time officers to serve a community of over 18,000 residents encompassing an area of 3.6 miles. In addition to sworn police officers, the department staff includes ten civilian Communications Officers, two Records Clerks, an Evidence Technician, and an Administrative Assistant.



The police department is led by Chief of Police Byron Holloway. Chief Holloway started his career with the Bellaire Police Department in September 1977 and worked his way through the ranks until his appointment to Chief in 2012.



Assistant Chief of Police Michael Leal was appointed in July 2012 after serving the department in a variety of capacities in 1988. Assistant Chief Leal retired from the department in April 2018 to pursue a career in the private sector.



Lt. Greg Bartlett is the commander of the Support Services Division. He started his career with the Bellaire Police Department in January of 1985. Lt. Bartlett served as Interim Assistant Chief of Police from April 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Lt. Jeff Cotton commands the Patrol Division which is the largest division in the department. He began his career with the Bellaire Police Department in 1998 and served as a Crime Prevention Officer and progressive supervisory ranks in Patrol before taking the helm of the division.



Lt. Russell Brown is the commander of the Communications Division, Information Technology, and the Records Division. Lt. Brown has served the City of Bellaire since 1994 and in addition to his supervisory duties he is the department's Custodian of Records and Records Manager.

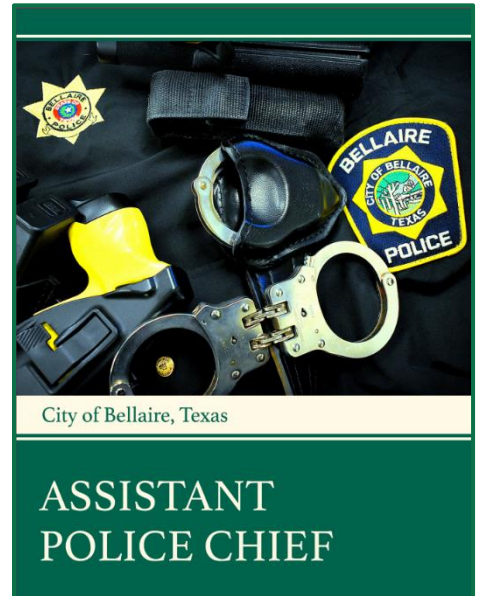
Assistant Chief of Police Search

Assistant Chief of Police Michael Leal announced his intention to retire in early 2018. This announcement prompted the Bellaire Police Department to launch a nationwide search for the next Assistant Chief of Police.

The search began with the creation of job solicitation literature and formation of a search committee within the organization. The position was posted in May 2018 by the closing date at the end of June, more than 50 applications from internal and national applicants were received.

By December, the search committee narrowed down the pool of applicants to one: Onesimo Lopez Jr., a Captain with the Pearland, Texas Police Department. Captain Lopez, who goes by "Mo," would bring with him 24 years of service and leadership experience.

He has a wealth of cross operational experience. Lopez holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and is a graduate of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas' Leadership Command College located at Sam Houston State University. Captain Lopez holds a Master Peace Officer license and is currently pursuing a Master's in Public Administration. Lopez is married and has 4 children.



"We are excited with what he has to bring to our organization" "The selection process started in April with over 50 candidates. There were some great folks interested in the job, but Mo was determined to be the right person", said Bellaire Police Chief Byron Holloway.

"I'm coming from an agency where I've known everybody — I've got lots of friends in Pearland. I've had 24 years to make friendships and to build relationships," he said. "And moving to Bellaire, where I don't know anyone, the first thing I want to do is learn. I need to learn the people. I need to learn the culture, but just as important, I need to show them who I am."

Captain Lopez retired from the City of Pearland in December 2018 and assumed the Assistant Chief of Police position January 1, 2019.

Reported Crime and Activity

Classification Of Offenses	2017	2018	
<i>UCR Part I Crimes - There are eight crimes, or Part I offenses, reported to the UCR Program. These offenses were chosen because they are serious crimes that occur with regularity in all areas of the country and are likely to be reported to police.</i>	Reported	Reported	Percent Change: Reported Offenses
1. CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0.0%
2. FORCIBLE RAPE	3	4	33.3%
3. ROBBERY	20	11	-45.0%
4. ASSAULT	29	50	72.4%
5. BURGLARY	45	58	28.9%
6. LARCENY-THEFT (not vehicles)	242	190	-21.5%
7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	12	15	25.0%
GRAND TOTAL	351	328	-6.6%

Average Response Times		2017	2018	Percent Change
<i>Code 3 calls are those requiring immediate response. Code 2 calls are those requiring a quick response but are not 'threat to life.' Code 1 calls are non-emergency requests for police service</i>	Code 1	6:10	6:08	-0.5%
	Code 2	4:03	4:24	8.6%
	Code 3	4:34	4:25	-3.3%
	Average	5:09	5:14	1.6%

	Arrests		Accidents	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
January	87	97	70	76
February	108	100	51	62
March	97	86	79	70
April	97	78	63	58
May	122	120	56	66
June	98	95	58	50
July	91	77	49	53
August	84	99	50	63
September	72	110	67	46
October	95	82	67	73
November	102	82	59	64
December	72	89	48	59
	1,125	1,115	717	740

-0.89%

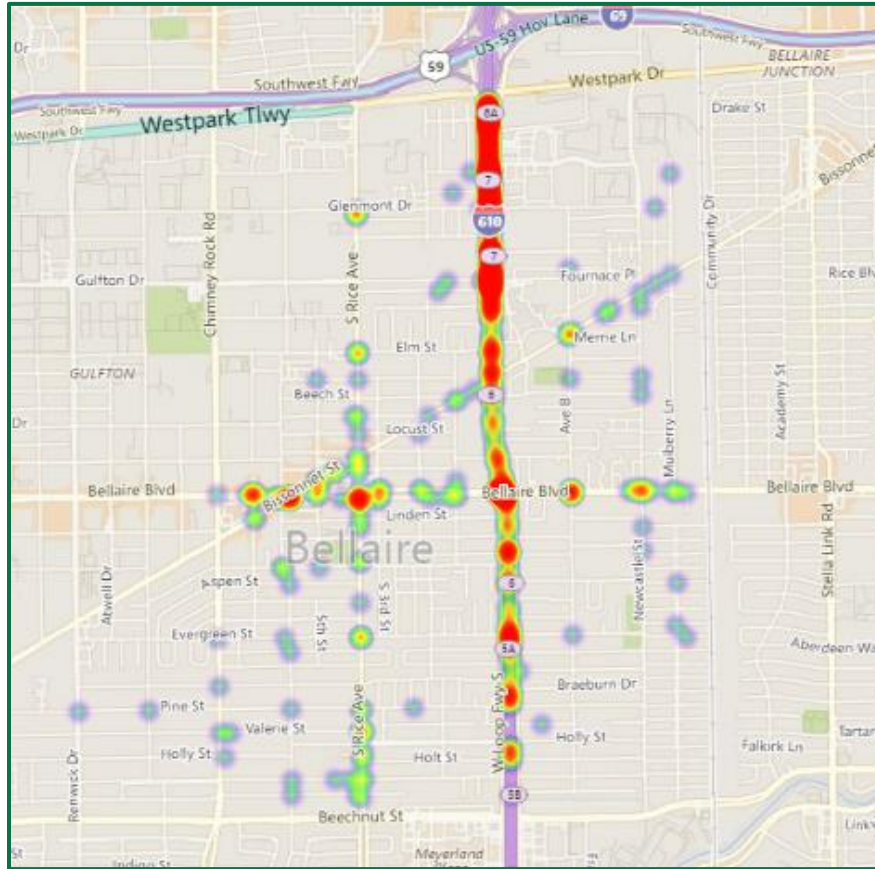
3.21%

Traffic Stop Results	2017	2018
Verbal Warning	0	5003
Written Warning	0	102
Citation	4321	2166
Written Warning & Arrest	0	0
Citation & Arrest	283	218
Arrest	596	420
Total	5200	7909

Traffic Crashes

In 2018, there were 623,137 crash reports submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the repository for traffic crash reports in Texas. Of those, 756 crashes occurred in Bellaire¹. Those crashes involved 1,769 vehicles and 2,546 individuals.

As shown by the heat map below, the majority of crashes in Bellaire occur on I-610 between Westpark and Bissonnet. That stretch of roadway alone accounted for 398, or 53% of crashes reported in 2018.



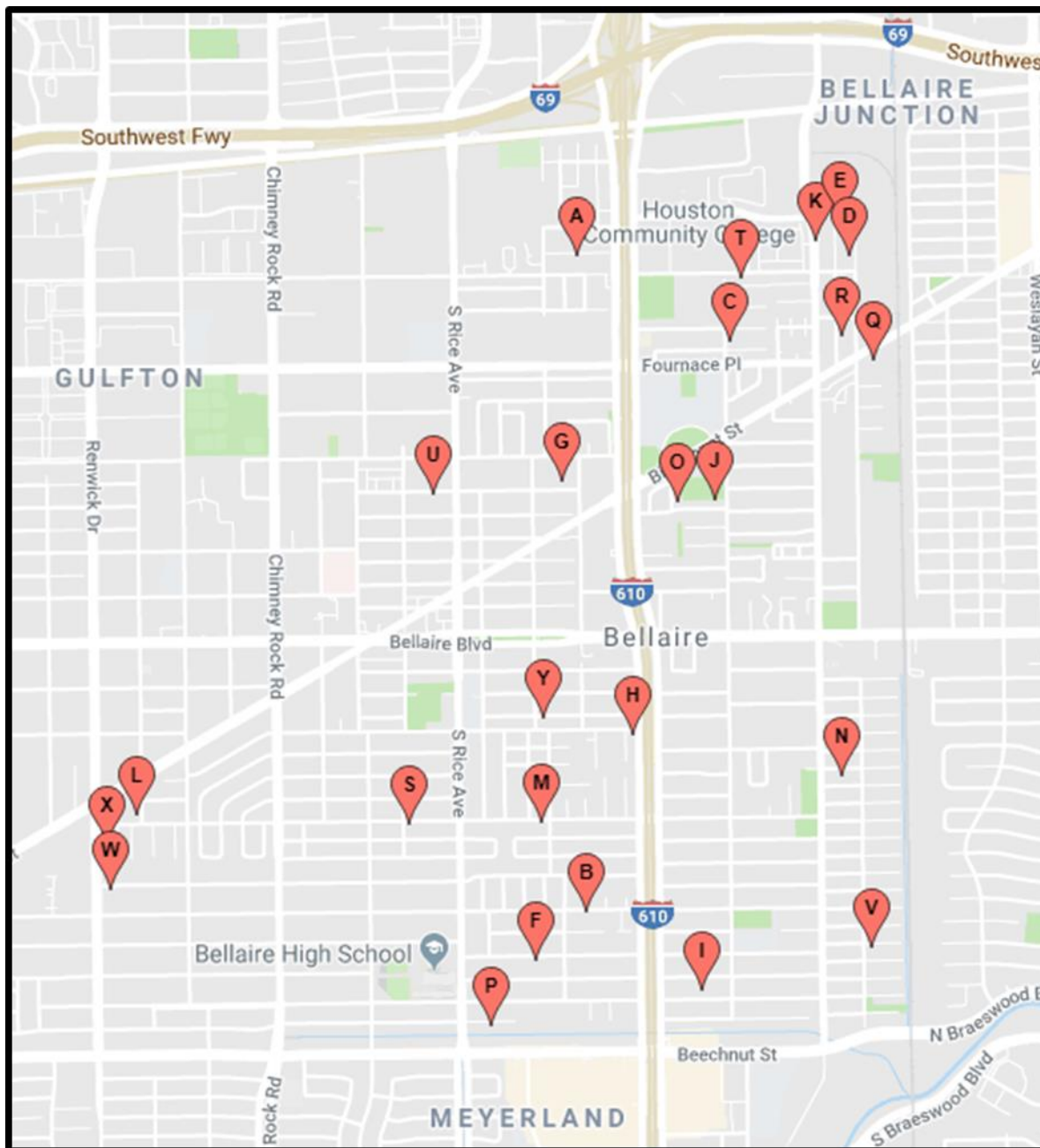
The most common conditions for crashes were related to freeway driving conditions: vehicles driving in the same direction and either being rear-ended or sideswiped (68% of reported crashes). The most common citations issued in those crashes are Failure to Control Speed and Unsafe Lane Change. Drivers wishing to avoid these types of crashes and citations need to allow additional space for following and keep aware of vehicles traveling in adjoining lanes.

Off of the freeway, the most common street for traffic crashes is Bellaire Blvd. The most common intersections for crashes on Bellaire are I-610, S Rice, and Bissonnet.

¹ Agencies with concurrent jurisdiction may also submit crash reports for the City of Bellaire which accounts for the discrepancy between DPS' count of 756 v. 740 crash reports submitted by Bellaire officers in 2018.

Spotlight Crime: Home Burglaries

In 2018 the Bellaire Police Department investigated twenty-five home burglary offenses. As shown in the map below, the offenses were relatively dispersed across the city.



Incidents are identified alphabetically: the first offense, A, occurred in February and the last, Y, in December.

There are many factors that burglars will consider when selecting a target. Residents wishing to make their homes less desirable as targets can address most of the listed factors. Chief among these are:

- Convenience of the location
- Occupancy
- Visibility or surveillability
- Accessibility
- Vulnerability or security; and,
- Potential rewards

Convenience of the Location – This not only refers to how easy a potential burglar can arrive at a residence; this also refers to how convenient the location is to the burglar. The City of Bellaire is predominantly residential; this alone may serve to lure potential home burglars to the area.



Credit: Planetgordon.com

Occupancy – Potential burglars are less likely to target an occupied home. Homeowners should give a home the appearance of being occupied even if it will be unoccupied for extended periods of times. Lights on timers, vehicles parked in driveways, and audible noises such as a radio inside may give a home the appearance of being occupied. Additionally, potential burglars will frequently ring the doorbell before attempting entry into a residence. Wi-fi enabled video doorbells allow homeowners to interact with individuals without being in the home. Unknown visitors should be told that the homeowner is occupied and can't come to the door. Then offer to call the police to come and assist them.



Credit: HAR.com

Visibility or surveillability – Homes that have front doors hidden from street view by dense shrubbery or oversized decorations can obscure an individual at the front door from view. Poor front door lighting at night may also provide cover for a would-be burglar. Homeowners should ensure that front doors are clearly visibly from the street.



Credit: J. P. Schulz

Accessibility – Accessibility refers to how easily a burglar can enter a home. In nine of the 25 reported burglaries in Bellaire, entry was made by forcing open the back door. The back door was accessed due to an unlocked side gate. Homeowners should ensure that gates to the back of residences are locked. Once in a backyard, burglars are hidden from view on four sides and are free to kick in doors or break windows without being seen.



Credit: Home Depot

Vulnerability or Security – Homeowners should ensure that all door and window locks are in good repair and used to secure entry points. Deadbolts should have a minimum of a one-inch bolt and deadbolt strike plates should be secured with 4-inch screws. Longer screws ensure that door hardware is connected to the sturdier wood door frame and not the thin door trim. Additionally, home alarms, motion-sensing lights, and wi-fi enabled security cameras can also be effective deterrents to would-be burglars. Alarm monitoring signs should be prominently displayed at both the front and rear of residences. Alarms should be set when not at home. In 2018, seven burglary victims had alarms that were not set.



Credit: Buildabetterhomehq.com

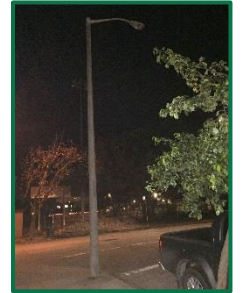
Potential Rewards – When selecting targets, burglars may attempt to see inside a home to evaluate the type and value of contents. Homes with expensive furnishings or electronics in plain view make attractive targets. The appearance of wealth may indicate that smaller items of value will be stored in the home. Recent trends indicate that burglars are more likely to seek out jewelry and cash instead of televisions or electronics. Homeowners should take care to keep blinds to living rooms or offices closed when not at home.



Credit: Getty Images

Streetlights

Studies have shown that lighting at night can serve as a deterrent to criminal activity. Many Bellaire residents enjoy nighttime walks or outdoor activities and non-functioning streetlights can be a hazard. Residents are encouraged to report streetlight outages to CenterPoint Energy. Reports can be made online via the following link: <https://bit.ly/2COXBBY>



Credit: 311 – neighbor.report

Neighborhood Involvement

In addition to the above, residents should take the time to become involved in their local community. Residents are encouraged to get to know the neighbors on either side of them and across the street. Investing in neighborhood relationships will help identify those individuals or situations that are out of the ordinary and ensure neighbors will be looking after one another. A car parked in the driveway across the street may not raise any alarms, but if residents know their neighbors and that they are not home they will be more likely to call police.

The first Tuesday in October, the Bellaire Police Department encourages the community to join neighborhoods all across Texas in **National Night Out** events. National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is an annual event that promotes strong police-community partnerships to make neighborhoods safer. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and police while promoting a true sense of community. All across Bellaire, neighbors have set up block parties in driveways and garages where neighbors are able to meet each other and members of the police department.



The City of Bellaire encourages citizens to sign up for community notification via Notify Me. Residents will be notified of community events and may also register for Crime Alerts from the police department. Additionally, residents may sign up for Prepare Bellaire emergency notifications. Prepare Bellaire alerts residence of emergency and other important community news, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, or missing persons.

Visit the City of Bellaire website at: www.bellairetx.gov. Sign up for Notify Me and then follow the external link for Prepare Bellaire.



Notify Me

Prepare Bellaire

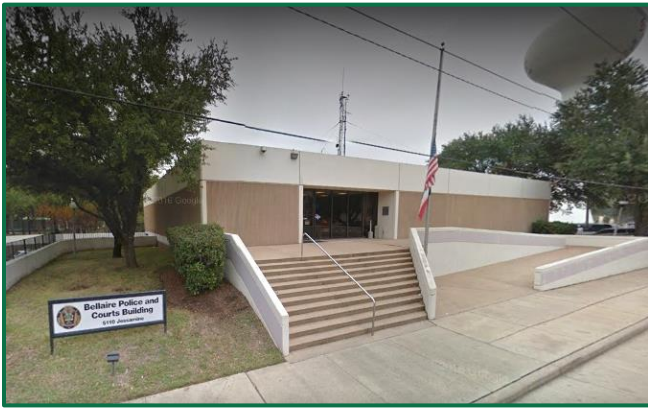
GET CONNECTED - STAY INFORMED

New Police and Court Building

In November 2013, Bellaire residents voted to support an \$11 million General Obligation Bond to finance the design and construction of the new municipal buildings: city hall, civic center, police station, and municipal courts. Additional funds were needed and authorized later bringing the total construction cost to \$24.3 million. New facilities were needed to replace aging structures and provide sufficient office space for the increasing city staff needed to serve the citizens of Bellaire.

The police/municipal court building was designed to be one part of a larger municipal buildings campus constructed on the original footprint of city property bordered by Rice to the east and Jessamine to the south.





Original Police Station

The original Police and Courts building was constructed in 1974 and consisted of approximately 16,765 square feet. The structure had been experiencing building system deterioration for several years. The building had continuing issues with building settlement, waterproofing problems and building skin deterioration. Mediation attempts over the years were able to temporarily stabilize deficiencies but unable to repair or prevent recurrences of issues. Cracking and deterioration of walls, persistent water leaks, and flooding damage made continued use and repair of the building unfeasible.

The City of Bellaire selected PGAL to demolish the existing police facility and construct a new, updated multi-service facility to house both Bellaire Municipal Court and the Bellaire Police Department. The original budget for the project was set at \$6.9 million.

PGAL designed a 30,882 square foot facility to address inadequacies and provide space for: expanded evidence storage, larger men's and women's locker rooms, expanded storage for police and court records, an interview room, training room, report writing area, expanded Communications Center, and a larger court room.



Police Station Concept

In order to demolish the existing structure but still maintain continuous service to the community, police operations moved from the old building into a temporary renovated space at City Hall in July, 2017. Police Communications moved to borrowed space at the Bellaire Fire Department to ensure continuous operation during construction.

Construction of the new facility was completed at the end of January, 2019. The larger space is intended to serve the Bellaire Community for years to come. The new building bears the names "Norman – Zarate" in honor of the two Bellaire Police Officers that lost their lives in service to the community. The facility was officially unveiled to the public at a ceremony on February 23, 2019. Present were the families of the fallen officers and hundreds of area citizens.



At the dedication, Chief Byron Holloway noted, "This building belongs to the community...you have entrusted us with its care and operation but this is your facility."

In Memoriam

According to statistics gathered by the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, there were a total of 144 law enforcement fatalities in the United States in 2018. This number is up 12% from 2017 when 129 officers lost their lives. In 2018 the leading cause of officer fatalities was firearm-related (52) followed by traffic crashes (50).

In its first century, the Bellaire Police Department has lost two officers in the line of duty. The Bellaire Police Department honors their memory and ultimate sacrifice in service to the Bellaire Community.



Jimmie DeVeril Norman

End of Watch
December 24, 2012

Corporal Jimmie Norman was shot and killed on Christmas Eve 2012 at the end of a vehicle pursuit of a robbery suspect. Corporal Norman was able to stop the suspect and was attempting to place the suspect under arrest. A struggle ensued at which time the suspect drew a concealed handgun and shot Corporal Norman once, killing him instantly.

Corporal Norman served the Bellaire Community for 26 years. He was posthumously promoted to Sergeant.

Jimmie Norman was 53 years old and is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.



Marco Antonio Zarate

End of Watch
July 12, 2016

Motorcycle Officer Marco Zarate was killed on July 12, 2016 during the pursuit of two robbery suspects. Officer Zarate had located the robbery suspects and was holding them at gunpoint while waiting for back-up officers. Before other officers could arrive, the suspects fled in their vehicle. Officer Zarate was severely injured in a crash while pursuing the suspects.

Officer Zarate died of his injuries while en route to the hospital. Officer Zarate was a United States Marine Corps veteran and had served the Bellaire Community for seven years.

Marco Zarate was 52 years old and is survived by his wife and three daughters.